

## REDUCTION OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

*Exchanges of notes at Kaunas March 11, 16, 18, and 19 and April 20,  
1932*

*Entered into force April 15, 1932*

*Replaced by agreement of April 17, 1937<sup>1</sup>*

Department of State files

*The Minister of Foreign Affairs ad interim to the American Minister*

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS OF LITHUANIA

No. 5497

KAUNAS, March 11, 1932

MR. MINISTER:

Taking into consideration the fact that the American Government is in agreement with the Lithuanian Government for the reduction of the present rate of collection of fees for visas of travelers' passports, immigrants excepted, upon a reciprocal basis, I have the honor to bring to your Excellency's attention the fact that the Lithuanian Government will collect after April 15, 1932, from citizens of the United States of America, 50 lits (\$5.00) for the visa authorizing arrival and departure in the case of passports intended for a single journey or an unlimited number of journeys during one year. Transit visas, with the right to sojourn four days in Lithuania, will be accorded gratuitously.

These dispositions, by way of reciprocity, will be applied to the same categories of travelers, citizens of the United States, as those indicated in the Third Section of the Immigration Act of 1924,<sup>2</sup> of the United States of America, as follows:

(1) a government official, his family, attendants, servants, and employees, (2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure, (3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States, (4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide alien seaman serving

<sup>1</sup> *Post*, p. 688.

<sup>2</sup> 43 Stat. 153.

as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and (6) an alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation.

As soon as the Lithuanian Government receives a similar undertaking from the United States, it will not fail to give the necessary instructions to the end that this arrangement may go into force from and after April 15, 1932.

Receive, Mr. Minister, the assurances of my high consideration.

J. TUBELIS  
*President of the Council*  
*Minister for Foreign Affairs a.i.*

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*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim presents his compliments to His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to the matter of visa fees and to inform His Excellency that the Chargé is directed to make known to the Lithuanian Government that the American Government understands the agreement as authorizing also gratis transit visas for the Philippine Islands.

It would be highly appreciated if the Lithuanian Government would indicate if it entertains the same understanding on the subject.

KAUNAS, March 16, 1932.

His Excellency

THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
Kaunas.

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*The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs ad interim*

RIGA, LATVIA  
March 18, 1932

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 11, 1932, No. 5497, in regard to the mutual reduction of visa fees, and under instructions from my Government accept the proposal that the fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall become applicable on and after April 15, 1932, as respects the granting of visas and the preparation of applications therefor, in the case of citizens of the Republic of Lithuania desiring to visit the

United States (including the insular possessions) who are not "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of 1924. It is furthermore noted that transit visas will be granted gratuitously upon a reciprocal basis.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

ROBERT P. SKINNER  
*American Minister*

His Excellency,  
Mr. J. TUBELIS,  
*President of the Council and  
Minister for Foreign Affairs a.i.  
Kaunas, Lithuania.*

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*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister of Foreign  
Affairs*

KAUNAS, LITHUANIA  
*March 19, 1932*

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the matter of mutual reduction of visa fees and to communicate a Note, dated March 18, 1932, addressed to His Excellency, the President of the Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs a.i., by the American Minister, the Honorable Robert P. Skinner, expressing the approval of the United States Government to the proposal that the fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall become applicable on and after April 15, 1932, as respects the granting of non-immigrant visas and the preparation of applications therefor in the case of Lithuanian citizens proceeding to the United States for a visit. It is further noted that transit visas will be granted gratuitously upon a reciprocal basis.

Accept, Excellency, the expression of my highest esteem and regard.

M. L. STAFFORD  
*Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*

His Excellency  
THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
*Kaunas.*

*The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires*

[TRANSLATION]

LITHUANIAN REPUBLIC  
MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRSNr. 8533  
SB.SS

KAUNAS, April 20, 1932

MR. CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES :

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of April 7, 1932, and to inform you that the Lithuanian Government agrees with the Government of the United States that by the reciprocal arrangement for the reduction of collections of fees for passport visas of travelers, except immigrants, the issuance of visas free of charge is authorized for transit through the Philippine Islands.

I take this opportunity to renew, Mr. Chargé d'Affaires, the assurances of my highest consideration.

PR. DAILIDE  
*Chief of Department*

MR. M. L. STAFFORD

*Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America,  
Kaunas.*